

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/772,988

Examiner

MINH-TAM DAVIS

Applicant(s)

THORGEIRSSON ET AL.

Art Unit

1642

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 08/28/07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-7,23,33,35 and 37-48.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 08/28/07.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1) An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian Dorn on 08/29/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 2-3, 8-22, 24-32, 34, 36 were cancelled.

Claim 1 was amended as follows:

“ a B5T Over-expressed Gene (BOG) polypeptide, said” on first and second lines was deleted.

“about” on third line was deleted.

--- the transcriptional factor --- was added before E2F-1 on sixth line.

Claim 23 was amended as follows:

“a BOG polypeptide” was deleted, and --- the BOG polypeptide --- was inserted.

Claim 33 was amended as follows:

“90%” on second line was deleted, and ---- 95% --- was inserted.

“SEQ ID NO:2,” on second line was deleted.

“or SEQ ID NO:10” on second and third lines was deleted.

Art Unit: 1642

--- the transcriptional factor --- was added before E2F-1 on sixth line.

Claim 45 was amended as follows:

The first "pRB" on the third line was deleted and --- the retinoblastoma gene product (pRB) --- was inserted.

--- the transcriptional factor --- was added before E2F-1 on third line.

2) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The art does not teach or suggest the polypeptide SEQ ID NO:8, or a polypeptide having at least 90%, or 95% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO:8, wherein the polypeptide binds the tumor suppressor retinoblastoma gene product (pRB) and displaces the transcriptional factor E2F-1 bound to pRB. It is noted that: 1) E2F-1 when released from pRB mediates cell proliferation, and above a certain threshold, potentially apoptosis, and 2) deregulation of E2F-1 is found in the majority of human cancers (Seville et al, 2005, Current Cancer Drug Targets, 5: 159-170).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH-TAM DAVIS whose telephone number is 571-272-0830.

The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM-5:30 PM.

Art Unit: 1642

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, SHANON FOLEY can be reached on 571-272-0898. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

MINH TAM DAVIS

August 30, 2007

/Larry R. Helms/

Supervisory Patent Examiner